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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
INOUE et al.)
Application Number: To be Assigned)
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For: DISK ARRAY DEVICE AND MAINTENANCE)
METHOD FOR DISK ARRAY DEVICE)
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application
as follows: